



# Which Bill to Pay? *Elnora's Story*

Last year, 80-year-old widow Elnora had a tough decision to make: pay for electricity or pay for her heat.

Elnora is often forced to juggle bills, paying whichever is most urgent and delaying others until she can make ends meet. As the legal guardian for her granddaughters, she has to stretch social security checks as far as possible. Thankfully, local food pantries and other support agencies help her feed and clothe the girls.

Elnora is not alone. Thousands of Georgians just like her are still paying on high heating bill balances from months before. The average income of households assisted by the Heating Energy Assistance Team (HEAT) last year was just \$9,960. In Georgia, low-income families spend nearly 15 percent of their income on home heating – five times the percentage spent by the average middle-income family.

That is why we are asking for your help.

We know you care about helping your neighbors who have to make unthinkable choices every day just to keep their heads above water. As the oldest fuel fund program in Georgia, HEAT provides energy assistance to residents of every county in the state and has distributed \$26.5 million to families in need thanks to compassionate neighbors like you. Please consider making a donation today to help families like Elnora and her granddaughters.

HEAT was able to provide Elnora the funds she needed to reconnect the heating service. "If it wasn't for the help I received from HEAT, something else would have had to go," said Elnora. "So much stress was lifted off me. I'm so grateful!"

With three young grandchildren to raise, 80-year-old Elnora often struggles to pay all of her bills.



## You Can Help}

There are 3 easy ways to partner with Walton Gas to help neighbors in need.

1. Donate online at [www.heatga.org](http://www.heatga.org).

2. Make a recurring donation. My account number: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Recurring amount:  \$10 per month  \$5 per month  \$2 per month  \$1 per month  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with your bill or call 770-267-2505.

\*Walton Gas will add the amount you specified above to your bill each month unless otherwise notified. All donations are tax deductible.

3. Make a one-time donation of:  \$500  \$250  \$100  \$50  \$25 or \$\_\_\_\_\_ (other amount).

\$500 will help at least two deserving families stay warm this winter. Any amount is appreciated!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this one-time donation form to:  
HEAT  
PO Box 451008  
Atlanta, GA 31145

Gas provider: Walton Gas



HEAT has distributed **\$26.5 million to more than 100,000 families** since it began in 1983.

A savory treat for your tastebuds!

# Corn Cakes & Salsa



## CORN CAKES

- 2/3 cups green onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/3 cup dry white wine
- 5 eggs
- 3/4 cup light cream
- 1/2 cup corn meal
- 1/3 cup flour

- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon white pepper
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 tablespoons green pepper, minced
- 1 teaspoon basil, minced
- 2 1/2 cups corn, fresh
- sour cream
- chives, chopped

## SALSA

- Tomatoes, chopped
- 1/4 onion, chopped
- 6 sprigs Italian parsley, chopped
- 3 Serrano chilies, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup water

**CORN CAKES:** Sauté onion in butter until soft. Add wine. Remove from heat and cool to room temperature. Beat eggs and remaining ingredients, except corn. Fold in corn. Sauté tablespoon-sized dollop of mixture in oil until slightly golden on both sides. Remove and cover lightly with foil. Keep warm.

**SALSA:** Mix well. Serve over corn cakes with sour cream and chives.

**Submitted by Nancy Hickey from Reidsville.** Featured recipes are not independently tested, so we must depend on the accuracy of the cooks sending them. Always use safe food handling, preparation and cooking procedures from the recognized experts.

**Send us your recipes!**  
The best entry each month will appear in the Gazette and receive a FREE cookbook.

**Send recipe, name, address to:**

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Monroe, GA 30655  
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## Holiday Programs Are Just Around The Corner

Back again is Dean Pannell, a Georgia master florist, who will focus on practical Christmas decorating ideas. You'll enjoy his interactive instruction style that's peppered with humorous stories and anecdotes.

Pannell, a 23-year floral business veteran, decorated the sets of "Passions" and "Guiding Light" soap operas. The recipient of numerous design awards, Dean and his ideas have been featured in many popular magazines.

Along with Pannell, Denise Beacham will present fix and forget recipes that will destress your holiday meal and snack preparation.

No pre-registration is required. Programs begin at 7 p.m.

**SPECIAL DRAWING!** Bring a new or gently used children's book to donate to our Operation Bookworm project, and you'll be entered in a special drawing to win one of Dean's beautiful Christmas wreaths.



**NOV. 4 –**  
Oconee Civic Center

**NOV. 12 –**  
Loganville Rock Gym and Convention Center